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## **Eight Mile Driver License Office to Close for Month of June**

MOBILE — The Department of Public Safety will close its Eight Mile driver license office in Mobile County during the month of June due to a shortage of driver license personnel, according to Public Safety Director Col. Mike Coppage.

"Public Safety regrets this inconvenience for the public, but there is no alternative at this time," said Coppage. "There simply are not enough driver license employees to keep the Eight Mile office open in the coming month."

Coppage said factors in the office's closing were existing vacancies for driver license examiners — vacancies that DPS has been unable to fill — complicated by employee losses due to retirements and illness. He said DPS will make every effort to hire examiners, but that budget cuts have not allowed Public Safety to hire needed driver license personnel.

The Eight Mile office, located at 4555 St. Stephens Road, will close effective June 1. The Mobile office, located at 3400 Demetropolis Road, will remain open to provide driver license services in Mobile County. Office hours are 8 a.m.-12 noon, and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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